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TODAY'S FORECAST
A cold, cloudy and mostly blah start to the work week.

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Lobbyists looking for ways around stimulus bill's ban on earmarks

Associated Press

WASHINGTON President Obama's ban on earmarks in the $825 billion economic stimulus bill doesn't mean interest groups, lobbyists and lawmakers won't be able to funnel money to pet projects.

They're just working around it—and perhaps inadvertently making the process more secretive.

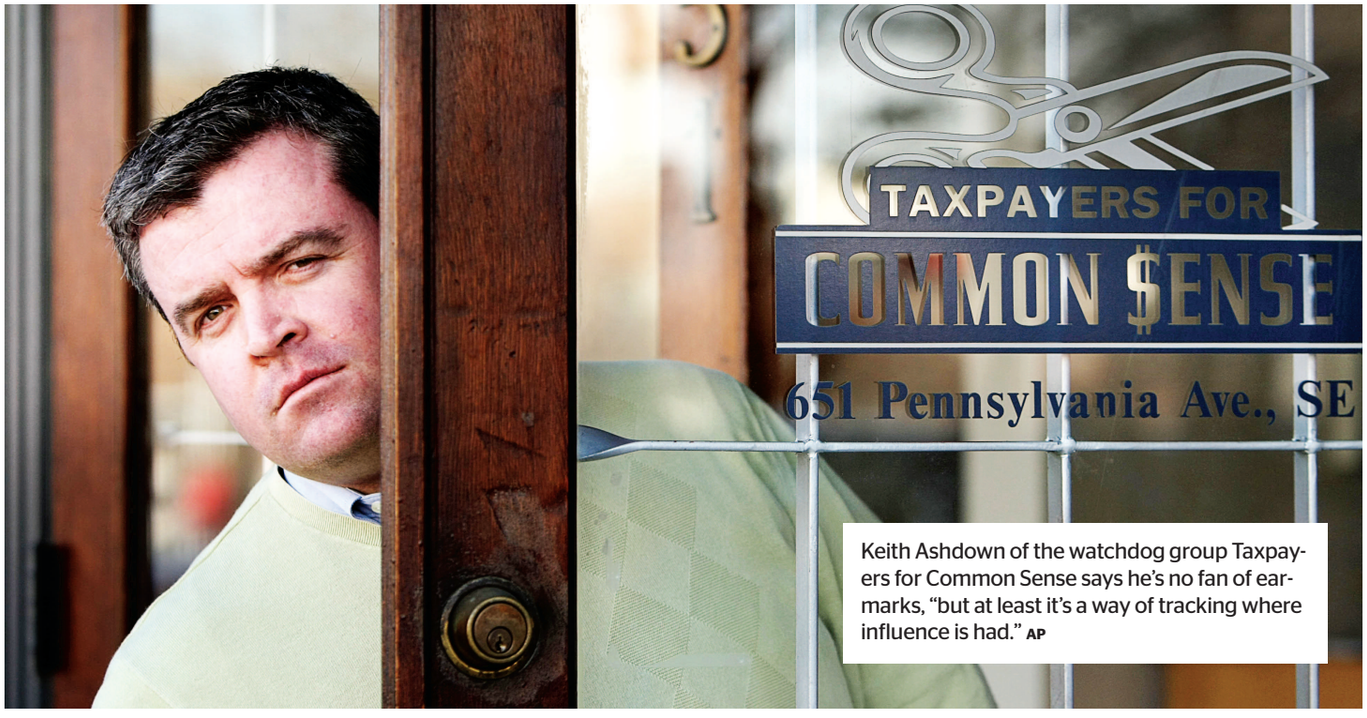
The projects run the gamut: a Metrolink station that needs building in Placentia, Calif.; a stretch of beach in Sandy Hook, N.J., that could really use some more sand; a water park in Miami.

There are thousands of projects like those that once would have gotten money upfront but now are left to scramble for dollars at the back end of the process as "ready to go" jobs eligible for the stimulus plan.

The result, as The Associated Press learned in interviews with more than a dozen lawmakers, lobbyists and state and local officials, is a shadowy lobbying effort that may make it difficult to discern how hundreds of billions in federal money will be parceled out.

" 'No earmarks' isn't a game-ender," said Peter Buffa, former mayor of Costa Mesa, Calif. "It just means there's a different way of going about making sure the funding is there."

It won't be in legislative language that overtly sets aside money for them. That's the infamous practice known as earmarking, which Obama and Democratic congressional leaders have agreed to nix for the massive stimulus package, expected to come up for a House vote this week.



Keith Ashdown of the watchdog group Taxpayers for Common Sense says he's no fan of earmarks, "but at least it's a way of tracking where influence is had." AP

Instead, the money will be doled out according to arcane formulas spelled out in the bill and in some cases based on the decisions of Obama administration officials, governors and state and local agencies that will choose the projects.

Lobbyists are hard at work figuring out ways to grab a share of the money for their clients, but the new rules mean they're doing so indirectly—and sometimes in ways that are impossible to track.

BAD REPUTATION

Congressional earmarks have had a bad name since the 2004 scandal that sent superlobbyist Jack Abramoff to prison and earned the congressional spending committees a nickname: "The Favor Factory."

Obama, who campaigned promising a more transparent and accountable government, is advocating a system that will eventually let the public track exactly where stimulus money goes through an Internet-powered search engine. In addition, Democratic lawmakers have devised an elaborate oversight system, including a new board to review how the money is spent.

But none of that will happen until after the bill becomes law. Even critics of the earmarks system acknowledge that specifying projects upfront offers some measure of transparency.

"We hate earmarks, but at least it's a way of tracking where influence is had," said Keith Ashdown of the watchdog group Taxpayers for Common Sense. "There is a challenge now that projects will be added behind closed doors without a paper trail."

Economic fears send students scrambling for aid

Associated Press

Finding financial aid for college this year promises to be tougher than any final exam.

The quest for money that begins for students and parents every January has taken on new urgency in 2009 amid fears that loans and grants will be scarcer than in the past due to the recession.

"The financing system for college is in real crisis," said Barmak Nassirian, associate executive director of the American Association of College Registrars and Admissions Officers.

TIPS FOR AID

» Apply ASAP. The sooner the better, especially this year.

» Call the schools' aid offices to discuss available options.

» Look for scholarships online: check Fast Web, **scholarships.com** and the College Board's Web site.

"Every one of the participants in the system is experiencing hardship—higher education institutions, states, aid donors and families all are cash-strapped."

Federal student loans remain readily available. But the prospect that grants and scholarships may be cut at many schools, combined with the shrinking availability of private loans, has fueled widespread angst at a time when more people than ever are seeking help. Applications for federal aid for the current academic year already are running 10 percent above last year's record pace, according to the Department of Education.

Private student loans are especially hard hit. Last year, 60 private lenders provided $19 billion to students. Now, 39 of those have stopped lending to students and the remaining firms have made it harder to borrow, according to **finaid.org**, a Web site that tracks the industry.

Among the encouraging developments for parents and students: No school is known to have withdrawn pledged financial aid this academic year despite financial setbacks that have prompted them to make cuts elsewhere.

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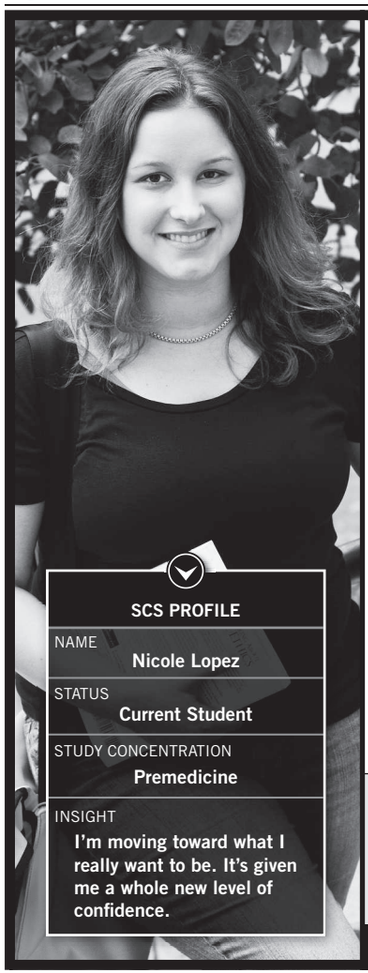

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A matter of 'Trust'

Monica Potter came to town Thursday to promote her new series "Trust Me." Potter hosted a viewing party at J Bar, where guests got a sneak peek at the first episode. Potter stars in the show about the private and professional lives of employees at a Chicago advertising agency alongside Eric McCormack and Tom Cavanagh. Potter and I talked about her character and her love of Chicago.

Why is the show based in Chicago?
The guys that wrote and created the show were actually big ad guys back in the day [in Chicago].

Do you guys plan on filming in Chicago?
We will. God willing, if we are up for another season we will definitely shoot here. I know the producers really want to do it.

Where are you guys filming now?
We're filming in L.A. in a tiny little studio called The Lot.

Tell me about the character you play.
Sarah is basically a slut. It's really fun to do, but I don't tell my husband that. You will see a lot of romance. There is a history between Mason (McCormack's character) and Sarah.

Do you prefer doing television over movies?
I like television because it keeps me at home. But I like both.

Are you a fan of the Windy City?
I lived here for a little bit. I really love Wrigleyville. I love the entire city. I just told my husband that when we retire we should retire in Chicago.

Do you have any secrets for staying in shape?
I'm not in shape. It's called Spanx. I smoke and I like my meat, cheese and wine.

>> "Trust Me" premieres at 9 p.m. Monday on TNT.

MORE INSIDE
>> For more on how Chicago's ad business shapes TNT's "Trust Me," turn to **Page 29.**

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Single with children

Dating world a challenge for single parents

By Leonor Vivanco
REDEYE

Jose A. Rodriguez beams when he talks about his 10-year-old son, Michael, whom he calls his "little wonder."

A proud single parent, he carries pictures of Michael in his wallet. After splitting with his son's mother about six years ago, Rodriguez, 33, has joint custody.

His son is his first priority, and Rodriguez says it can get "a little tough" when it comes to dating.

"If I start something with anyone, I tell them from the beginning I have a child," said Rodriguez, a school security guard who lives in West Lawn. "He's going to come first."

The number of single parents such as Rodriguez has grown nationally over the years. In 2006, the U.S. Census Bureau reported 12.9 million single parents were living with their children under 18 years in age, up from 11.7 million in 2000 and 9.7 million in 1990.

This month, the spotlight is shining bright on single parenthood in a new season of ABC's "The Bachelor," which for the first time features a single dad—Jason Mesnick, who is divorced and has a 3-year-old son. Some of the women vying for a rose and his love are single moms.

While most won't wind up on reality TV shows, a growing number of single parents looking for love are subscribing to online dating sites that specifically cater to them. Membership grew 20 percent last year at **singleparentsmingle.com** and threefold in three years at **singleparentmeet.com**, where users don't have to pay to browse profiles. Although users aren't required to have children to access the dating sites, the majority of the members are single parents.

Dating can be hard enough, but the stakes are higher for single parents. Like Rodriguez, many must put the needs of their children first and juggle busy schedules.

Rachel Sarah, who chronicles her dating adventures in the book "Single Mom Seeking: Playdates, Blind Dates and Other Dispatches From the Dating World," said dating now is far more difficult that she has her daughter.

"The part that's really challenging is finding the time to date," said Sarah, 36, who lives in San Francisco with her 8-year-old daughter. "And financially, especially right now, it can be challenging for single parents paying for child care, and dating does cost money."

Parents also don't want to waste their free time playing mind games, Sarah said.

"[We] really don't play the cat and mouse chase. ... What you see is what you get," she said.

Single parents, according to Sarah, also can be a bit pickier. Now that she's a mother, Sarah says she no longer goes out with smokers or unemployed guys.

After a dating timeout, Sarah recently started dating again online. Rodriguez, too, took a break a few years ago when he became frustrated with dating.

"Some of them I wanted something long-term with and some of them were just getting out of relationships and they didn't know what they wanted," he said of the women he dated.

Rodriguez has had three serious relationships since separating from Michael's mom, he said. But he's still looking for love. "I would like to start something with someone that I think, 'Hey this is it,' " he told RedEye.

Jessica Ashley, 36, who lives in Old Irving Park, isn't quite at that point.

Newly divorced, she recently started casually dating. Ashley said she's just looking for fun, great conversation and dinner with another adult.

"Right now, it's about having companionship," said Ashley, who writes about her life as a single mom on her blog, **sassafrass.typepad.com**. Now that she has a child, 4-year-old son Ethan, her priorities have changed, she said.

"When I was dating before, that person could become the center of my life very easily, and now I have a child at the center of my life. I have a job and I have myself to take care of," Ashley said.

She jokes that the best thing about dating a single mom is that she always has snacks in her purse. But men shouldn't eliminate her from the dating pool.

"Being a single parent means it's complicated to date me," she said, "but I always have crazy stories."

A common misconception, single parents say, is that they're looking for a caretaker for their kids.

"It doesn't mean I want you as my next husband, to pay my bills or be a father to my children," said Joslyn Slaughter, 31, who owns a resale shop in Bronzeville. Slaughter says she's not dating now because she has her hands full with her 7-year-old daughter, Jordan, 5-month-old son, Jackson, and her business. Jackson never has been married and has been single for the past seven months since splitting with her son's father. But when she does jump back onto the singles scene, Slaughter said, the right person for her also would have

Online dating has become a growing trend for single parents, with a number of sites popping up just for them.

Of course, single parents can use more mainstream dating sites like **match.com** or **eharmony.com**, but those looking for more targeted love might check out sites such as **singleparentmatch.com**, **singleparentmeet.com** and **singleparentsmingle.com**.

Such sites are popular because there aren't many opportunities for single parents to meet potential dates, said Rachel Sarah, 36, who blogs at **singlemomseeking.com**.

"Our life revolves in a circle—packing lunch in morning, drop off at school, then work, then grocery store, then making dinner," she said.

"I would love to meet people in real life and I do sometimes. But I don't go to bars. I don't go to many parties. I've told all my friends they can set me up," she said.

But most friends are married and only know other married couples, she said.

While Sarah said she's never had a bad experience on either mainstream and niche dating sites, she's heard of some from people who comment on

Joslyn Slaughter, 31, spends much of her time at her business, Jordan's Closet, a clothing resale shop in Bronzeville, with her children Jordan, 7, and Jackson, 5 months.
NOLAN WELLS FOR REDEYE

to be a good fit for her family.

For this reason, the most stressful part of dating for single parents can be introducing their kids to a date. There's no set rule on when or how to go about it.

"You don't want to mess it up with the person you're dating or want to mess up the child," said Alaina Shearer, 29, blogger of **mssinglemama.com**.

John Gray, author of "Mars and Venus on a Date," suggests the daters wait until they are in a committed relationship. Otherwise, the child won't understand when the person leaves and will start thinking that love is temporary, he said. Rodriguez said he's been on "pins and needles" when he's introduced women to his son as his "new friend."

"If, by chance, she's the one I'm going to be with forever, he's got to like her. I value his opinion," he said.

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her blog. "The biggest complaint about single parent dating sites is it's just hard to find someone in your area," she said.

One selling point for the niche sites is users understand the life of a single parent and are either single parents themselves or people who want to date single parents.

"They have a lot in common and can really relate to struggles and joys of being a parent," said Adele Testani, spokeswoman for Spark Networks, parent company for **singleparentsmingle.com**. "It's a place where like-minded people can get together."

And it's an easy option, said Ron Worthy, vice president of product and business development for People Media Inc., which launched **singleparentmeet.com** in 2002. Its membership has tripled from 500,000 in Dec. 2005 to 1.5 million last month.

Like most sites where you can create a profile and look for free, it costs $14.95 for one month at **singleparentmeet.com** and $19.99 at **singleparentsmingle.com**—cheaper than $34.99 at match.com.

"This gives them instant access to a lot of people," Worthy said.

LEONOR VIVANCO

Single dad first for ABC's 'The Bachelor'

Two unmarried men are making the big decision in the 13th edition of "The Bachelor," (7 p.m. Monday, ABC).

First, there is Jason Mesnick. You might remember him from his marriage rejection on "The Bachelorette." Deanna Pappas said no at the end of that competition.

Then there is Mesnick's 3-year-old son, Tyler. This is the first edition of "The Bachelor" to feature a single dad.

Four of the 25 women he began choosing from are single moms, according to ABC's Web site. Treasure (yes, that's her name) and Stacia, both single parents from Utah, have been eliminated. But 34-year-old Stephanie, from Alabama, and 25-year-old lacrosse coach Megan, from Pennsylvania, remain in the competition.

Mesnick's son Tyler does not get that much TV time. But he always was on Mesnick's mind as he filtered through the contestants.

"I just knew that there was no way that I could truly fall in love with somebody unless they saw my son," Mesnick said.

His concerns for Tyler started when he considered auditioning for "The Bachelorette." Mesnick talked to a therapist and a pediatrician before he agreed to be on the competition series.

Mesnick now has the advantage of having been through the process. He says the biggest lesson he learned was that the selection of a spouse requires more than a physical attraction.

"What I also learned through that experience is that the person I need to be with has to ... know that they're ready for a family. Because I've already got a family," Mesnick says. "So I was looking for somebody that not only had all the qualities that Deanna had but also I learned that they had to have been through dating in a long-term relationship. Or experience with kids. Or they've got that party scene out of their system.

"I love to do those type of things. But half the time, I'm Dad at home with Ty."

He might have found what he was looking for with one of the bachelorettes.

Although details of what happened during the process remain a secret, Mesnick is engaged.

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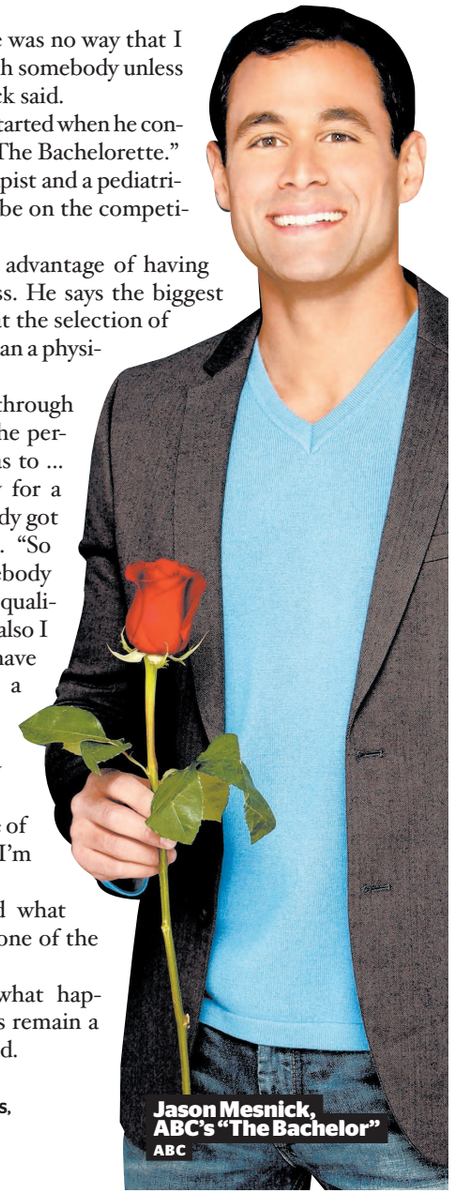

Jason Mesnick, ABC's "The Bachelor"
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Blago-ing on TV

Governor's impeachment trial starts today—but he's headed to 'The View,' not the Senate

Associated Press

If there's such a thing as a "normal" impeachment trial, the one that starts Monday in Illinois doesn't qualify.

The defendant, Gov. Blagojevich, won't participate. He'll be talking to Whoopi Goldberg and Larry King instead of facing the state Senate.

The Democratic governor acknowledges his conviction is certain, yet he refuses to resign.

And he complains that the trial rules are unfair, but he and his lawyers didn't try to influence the rules as they were being written or overturn them afterward.

After weeks of near-silence, Blagojevich has begun an energetic public relations campaign, comparing himself to the hero of a Frank Capra movie and a cowboy being lynched for a crime he didn't commit. He said that when he was arrested on federal corruption charges, he took solace from other leaders who have been jailed.

"I thought about Mandela, Dr. King, Gandhi" and that helped him gain perspective, he said in an interview that aired Sunday on "Today."

The full interview will air Monday, the same day the impeachment trial starts and Blagojevich is scheduled to appear on "Good Morning, America," "The View" and "Larry King Live."

Legal experts see little benefit to Blagojevich from boycotting the trial while refusing to resign. The decision means he'll still be leaving office soon, but only after proceedings guaranteed to put him in a bad light.

Senators, and thus the public, will hear details of the charges against Blagojevich. They're likely to hear recordings that allegedly reveal the governor talking about signing legislation in exchange for campaign contributions. And in addition to simply removing Blagojevich, the Senate could vote to bar him from ever again holding public office in Illinois.

"This man mystifies me," said Ann Lousin, a professor at Chicago's John Marshall Law School.

Resignation might even help Blagojevich with jurors in any future criminal trial, said one expert.

"If I were his lawyer, I would say, 'Why don't you make yourself a little less offensive to people? Why not make yourself a little more sympathetic?' " said Leonard Cavise, a law professor at DePaul University.

Yet Blagojevich says that's not an option. "I'm not going to resign," he said. "I've done absolutely nothing wrong."

Whatever the Senate decides, the criminal case against Blagojevich, 52, won't be affected.

With Blagojevich refusing to mount a defense, the impeachment trial could wrap up within days, ending a bizarre political and legal spectacle that began Dec. 9.

DURBIN: DON'T DO IT
Illinois Sen. Dick Durbin says Gov. Blagojevich (above) should not be jetting to New York to appear on TV shows the same day his impeachment trial starts. Durbin said the beleaguered governor should be in Springfield to defend himself before the state Senate. Durbin says, "Barbara Walters is not on his jury," referring to "The View" co-host.

AP PHOTO

A police car sits outside the Burnham Station townhomes where Nova Henry and her infant daughter were killed. NANCY STONE/TRIBUNE

Man to be questioned in deaths of former Bull's ex, infant

Chicago Tribune

Chicago police plan to question a man who was the subject of a protection order granted in 2007 to the mother of ex-Bulls player Eddy Curry's 3-year-old son, but would not describe him Sunday as a suspect in the Saturday shooting death of the woman and her infant daughter.

Nova Henry, 24, and her 9-month old daughter, Ava, were found shot to death in the 0-99 block of West 15th Street, police said.

The man, who once had a romantic relationship with Henry and served as a lawyer for her, was taken into custody Sunday in Michigan City, Ind., a source close to the investigation said. Police are searching for the weapon used in the slayings, the source added.

Chicago Police Department spokeswoman Monique Bond said that "no suspects have been named, and detectives continue to talk to a number of people." She said she could neither confirm nor deny the arrest in Michigan City.

On Saturday, officers found Henry's 3-year-old son—Curry's, according to a source close to the basketball player—in the Burnham Station apartment unharmed.

A source close to Curry, a married father of four, said the basketball player maintains that he is not the father of Ava Henry, although he acknowledges and is close to the 3-year-old.

Court records show that Nova Henry filed petitions against Curry to establish parentage in November 2005 and September 2008.

She also asked for an order of protection against the Chicago man police are questioning. That order was granted on April 6, 2007, and dismissed on April 17, 2007.

The Tribune is not identifying the man because he has not been named by police as a suspect in the murder.

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Boy accused of impersonation

Chicago police arrested a 14-year-old boy Saturday for impersonating one of their own. The boy walked into the Grand Crossing (3rd) District station, 7040 S. Cottage Grove Ave., dressed in a Chicago police uniform, police spokeswoman Monique Bond said. The boy partnered with another police officer for about five hours. Bond described the boy as a "police explorer," which means he was part of a community program run through the police department's Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy (CAPS) that allows youth to interact with Chicago police officers.

Woman charged in fatal stabbing

A Chicago woman has been charged with first-degree murder in a man's stabbing death Saturday in West Garfield Park, police said. Kimiko Wilson, 35, of the 3700 block of West Lexington Avenue, was quarreling with Luke Delaney at that address when she stabbed him in the chest and abdomen, said News Affairs Officer Laura Kubiak.

Jewel recalls dog biscuits

Jewel-Osco said it is recalling a brand of dog biscuits because it may contain peanut butter contaminated with salmonella. In a statement, the company described it as a "precautionary move" and said that its Happy Tails multi-flavored dog biscuits have not been "directly linked to the salmonella outbreak" that resulted in a nationwide recall of some peanut products. Customers with questions can contact 877-932-7948.

A CTA bus passes a red-light camera last week on State Street, just north of Roosevelt Road. Last year, the city issued almost 1,200 tickets to CTA buses that ran red lights. ALEX GARCIA/TRIBUNE

It's a fine time

Traffic-enforcement cameras are catching hundreds of buses running red lights in Chicago and the suburbs, and taxpayers are paying most of the tickets.

CTA buses were photographed blowing through red traffic signals almost 1,200 times last year, while the drivers of Pace buses, paratransit vehicles and van pools racked up more than 100 red-light-running citations in 2008, according to the agencies.

Under a new CTA policy, the agency is paying the $100 fine for each red-light violation instead of requiring bus drivers who broke the law to hand over the cash.

The change was made in part because of pressure from the bus drivers union in response to the proliferation of red-light cameras across the city, officials said. They added, however, that it's now easier to mete out discipline because the CTA has access to the photos and video footage of the violations. (Pace drivers are responsible for all fines related to traffic offenses, a Pace spokesman said.)

Twenty-one CTA bus drivers were responsible for more than one red-light violation in 2008. One driver accumulated four tickets, officials said.

CTA officials downplayed the increase in lead-footed driving, saying that traffic accidents involving CTA buses decreased from 2,835 in 2007 to 2,471 incidents last year.

SEEING RED

The number of citations issued to CTA buses for running red lights at photo-enforced intersections jumped from 641 in 2007 to 1,194 last year, according to statistics the CTA provided based on a Tribune request.

President's friends put on the spot

By Tracy Swartz
REDEYE

What's it like to be in a bromance with President Obama?

If you're state Treasurer Alexi Giannoulias, it means getting "countless" phone calls for inauguration tickets, an "enormous" amount of resumes and one carrot cake with the likeness of the president and his family.

Giannoulias, an Obama mentee and a regular in the president's pick-up basketball games, said he has been fielding some pretty strange requests since Obama was elected president in November.

"People just figure they'd call me, I'd hang up and call Barack," Giannoulias said.

He's not alone. Another FOB (friend of Barack), Republican State Sen. Kirk Dillard, who worked with Obama in the state Senate, said he's regularly asked for autographed photos of the prez.

"If they don't want them personalized, just autographed, I eventually get them," Dillard said.

Giannoulias' office also gets requests for autographed pics of Obama, but some of the other requests take the cake—literally.

"Someone baked a cake and wanted me to give it to [Obama]," Giannoulias said. "I tried some of it, but there was physically no way to give it to them." TSWARTZ@TRIBUNE.COM

WHAT THEY WANT

Some of the requests to Alexi Giannoulias' office:

>> A dozen requests weekly to play basketball with Obama.

>> Requests for the used towels and socks from Obama's Election Day basketball game.

>> Calls from breeders trying to place pups.

>> A woman made two dolls of Sasha and Malia for the girls.

Hello, my middle name is Obama

If he had arrived on his due date and not 10 days early, Omar Obama Gomez might have been given a different middle name.

But at 6:51 p.m. Tuesday, amid all the pomp and circumstance of President Obama's inauguration, his parents decided their 7-pound, 13-ounce baby boy deserved a name to reflect the occasion.

"We will never forget this day," said his father, Omar Gomez, 27.

The couple was watching the inauguration on TV at Sherman Hospital in Elgin as the ceremony replayed throughout the day. After nurses jokingly suggested the Obama name, the idea took hold.

"We were just playing around," Gomez said. "I said, 'Obama is a pretty good name for the baby.' "

Gomez, who works in lawn service and snow plowing, takes advantage of the breaks between snowfalls to enjoy time at home with his wife, Alma Carrera, 22, and family.

So what does he want from the new president?

"Peace. A lot of jobs, and a better life," Gomez said.

Area hospitals have yet to spot an Obama name trend. But they are on the lookout, sometimes with tongue in cheek.

"We have a baby Palin," said Michael Deering, spokesman for Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington, raising our hopes before we realized he was putting us on. "She can see Alaska from her bassinet."

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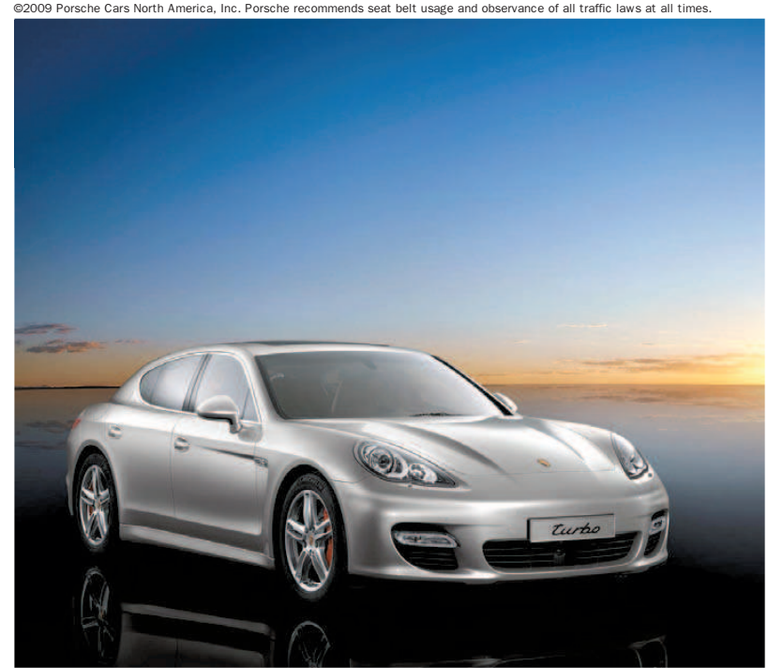

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1 Hero's welcome

Capt. Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger III (center), the US Airways pilot who deftly landed a disabled passenger jet in New York's Hudson River, saving 155 lives, told a cheering crowd of thousands in Danville, Calif., on Saturday that he simply did his job.

2 Sect leader's mother killed

The mother of infamous Branch Davidian sect leader David Koresh was stabbed to death Saturday near Chandler, Texas, and Koresh's aunt was in custody on a murder charge.

3 Miss Indiana wins

Katie Stam of Indiana was crowned Miss America on Saturday night in Las Vegas, fighting off a throat infection, laryngitis and 51 other contestants to win the 88-year-old pageant.

4 Leader condemns U.S.

Afghanistan's President Hamid Karzai has condemned a U.S. operation he says killed 16 Afghan civilians, while hundreds of villagers denounced the American military during an angry demonstration Sunday.

5 Avalanche kills 10

An avalanche slammed into a group of Turkish hikers on a trip to a remote mountain plateau on Sunday, dragging them more than 1,640 feet into a valley and fatally burying 10 at Mt. Zigana.

6 Drug war hits home

Mexico's President Felipe Calderon's war on drug trafficking has led to his own doorstep, with the arrest of a dozen high-ranking officials with alleged ties to Mexico's most powerful drug gang, the Sinaloa Cartel.

2 shot dead at wake

7 WICHITA, Kan. Police say two people were killed and seven wounded in a shooting during a wake at a house in Wichita.

Sgt. Ronald Hunt says all the victims of Saturday night's shooting were adults. He did not know their ages or genders.

Hunt says one victim is in critical condition, while as many as four others are in serious condition.

Police say the shooting occurred around 9:30 p.m. on the ninth day of the wake, which was being held for an elderly woman buried earlier Saturday.

Deputy Police Chief Robert Lee could not say how many shooters were involved but says some of the shots came from outside. Police won't say if they believe the shooting is gang-related.

Officers had trouble communicating because many of those at the house did not speak English.

Police are looking for a pickup truck seen leaving the home.

Vietnam ferry accident

8 Mourners cry for a victim Sunday after a ferry overloaded with Lunar New Year holiday shoppers sank in Quang Binh province, Vietnam, killing at least 40 people. At least 36 passengers survived, police said. AP PHOTO

This plumber is a real gem

9 Did you hear the one about a woman who walks into the bathroom and flushes her $70,000 diamond wedding ring down the toilet?

No? Not a joke.

A plumber took it pretty seriously, using some fancy equipment to retrieve the 7-carat ring after city workers failed in their attempt.

Allison Berry flushed a toilet on Jan. 14 at the Black Bear Diner in Phoenix when the ring fell off her hand. It was an expensive few hours of work, which involved a tiny video camera and an infrared light. The plumber's bill came to $5,200 and the city's bill was $1,000.

Berry and her husband also tipped the plumber and the technician $400 each and gave $200 to a diner worker for staying late.

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NHL ALL-STAR GAME **EAST 12, WEST 11, SO**

EAST FEASTS IN SHOOTOUT

Associated Press

MONTREAL The NHL All-Star Game was settled in the newest of ways in hockey's oldest city. Alex Ovechkin sealed the Eastern Conference's 12-11 victory Sunday night with a goal in the third round of the shootout. It capped off the busiest of nights for the NHL's reigning MVP, who also had a goal and two assists.

The biggest cheer of the night went to hometown hero Alex Kovalev, the Canadiens star who earned MVP honors with a pair of breakaway goals and then another in the shootout against Vancouver goalie Roberto Luongo.

For the first time since shootouts were implemented by the NHL to eliminate ties after the 2004-05 lockout, an All-Star Game was decided by penalty shots. It also was used in 2003 to settle the West's 6-5 win over the East.

It was all set up by a wild third period and overtime. The teams were tied 8-8 after 40 minutes, and the East grabbed two leads in the final regulation frame, but couldn't get the winner past Luongo, who is from Montreal.

The only power play went to the West, and it took until overtime to get it. Canadiens defenseman Mike Komisarek went off for hooking 2:22 into the extra session, and—with the home fans chanting "Defense! Defense!"—Boston goalie Tim Thomas held off the West and earned his second straight one-goal, All-Star win.

The West led 1-0 just 1:16 into the game, but didn't get back on top until Shane Doan made it 9-8 just 32 seconds into the third period. Dany Heatley, who scored four goals in the only other All-Star Game decided by shootout, got the East even at 9 at 2:17.

Jonathan Toews restored the West's edge 15 seconds later and stood in line to have the winner until Martin St. Louis tied it again for the East with 6:41 remaining. Toews' fellow 20-year-old Blackhawks teammate, Patrick Kane, pushed the West on top for the final time 2 minutes later, and Florida defenseman Jay Bouwmeester forced overtime when he made it 11-11 with 3:39 left.

Pittsburgh Penguins captain Sidney Crosby, who received a record number of votes this season, wasn't able to play because of a recent knee injury. He was warmly greeted during pregame introductions as team owner Mario Lemieux looked on from a suite.

Also missing were Nicklas Lidstrom and Pavel Datsyuk of the Detroit Red Wings, the Stanley Cup champions who were represented only by coach Mike Babcock on the West bench.

Back talk

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Blackhawks fans, what are you expecting from the team the rest of the season? Please e-mail us your thoughts to **redeyesports@tribune.com**. Or you can text **"whiz"** followed by your comments to **47383**. Remember to include your full name, age and neighborhood.

Chicago's Jonathan Toews (right) of the Western Conference and the East's Eric Staal reach for control of the puck Sunday in the NHL All-Star Game. GETTY IMAGES

Hawks score in Montreal

« PATRICK KANE
Assisted fellow Hawk Jonathan Toews on a goal at 2:32 of the third period. The goal gave the West a 10-9 lead. Later, Kane scored a goal of his own to give the West an 11-10 lead.

« BRIAN CAMPBELL
Earned an assist at 5:14 in the second period when Dan Boyle scored on a wrist shot that pulled the West to within two, 6-4.

« JONATHAN TOEWS
His shot 2:32 into the third period gave the West a brief lead.

The Blackhawks' Patrick Kane attempts a shot Saturday as he competes in the breakaway challenge during the SuperSkills competition. GETTY IMAGES

BLACKHAWKS HITS

» Kris Versteeg could do nothing but watch teammate Dave Bolland represent the Blackhawks in Saturday's YoungStars game.

Versteeg's injured right little finger prevented the Hawks rookie from playing with other first-year players against the league's top sophomores during the NHL All-Star Game skills competition.

Bolland took advantage of the three-on-three format to showcase his offensive skills. He had a goal and an assist and was stopped on a breakaway.

"It was a fun game," Bolland said.

» Brian Campbell flew around the ice, Jonathan Toews fired at targets and Patrick Kane demonstrated his creativity. But in the end, no Blackhawk won a SuperSkills title during Saturday night's events at the All-Star Game weekend competition. TRIBUNE

Blackhawks make play to host All-Star Game

Chicago Tribune

MONTREAL Blackhawks President John McDonough was more than just a casual observer at NHL All-Star weekend.

He also was doing a little scouting in hopes that the NHL awards the event to Chicago. "We officially submitted a letter of interest to the NHL a while ago to host an All-Star Game," McDonough said Sunday. "I believe the timing is right."

The Hawks last hosted an All-Star Game in 1991 at Chicago Stadium, and McDonough has his sights set on a return in the next few years. No All-Star Game will be played next season because of the Winter Olympics in Vancouver, and Phoenix is expected to be awarded the 2011 event.

With the Phoenix franchise in financial difficulty, Chicago could be in play sooner than 2012.

"I'm sure there have been a number of other cities applying for it," McDonough said. "When we hear back from the NHL, we'll make a strong run at it.

"If we're going to host an All-Star Game, our ultimate goal is it to be a premier, once-in-a-lifetime event similar to the Winter Classic. Maybe have a unique twist to it, something that has a very strong Chicago theme."

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WHIZZER

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1 Frosty fur

I have the sudden urge to play in the snow after watching the Winter X Games. Think I could pull off a double back flip? I'll have to lose the leash, of course.

2 X marks the spot

I don't know about you, but the most extreme winter sport I've witnessed so far this year was the shirtless guys at the Winter Classic at Wrigley.

3 They're 'boarders, after all

A group of snowboarders calls itself "Frends" because there's no "individual" in the crew. It's only coincidence, I suppose, that they just didn't spell it right.

4 He will rock you

Ex-Braves pitcher John Rocker got into a shouting match at a club with a talk radio host named Steak Shapiro. Doesn't he know you can't outshout sports radio blowhards?

5 I can see it now ...

Rocker and the Steak. Sounds like a reality TV show just waiting to happen.

6 Wanna bet?

At **bodoglife.com**, the over-under on how many times John Madden mentions food during the Super Bowl is only 1½. They do know who John Madden is, right?

7 Century mark

A high school basketball coach says his team "played the game as it was meant to be played" after it won a game 100-0. The Cubs would disagree.

8 Cash machines

Talk about pay to play? Formula One drivers had the cost of their license jump from $514 to $13,362. G-Rod would be proud.

9 Mildcats

Northwestern followed up last week's upset of No. 7 Michigan St. with a loss at Michigan. Those are the Wildcats we know and love. Right, Whizkers?

CAT CALL

We'll be back. We've got nine lives. Although, if I'm calculating this correctly, we've used seven of them. At least I get to use an indoor restroom. None of that searching for the right, frozen-over spot for me. No sir. Your move, Freeze Whiz.

X panel

If these five played an extreme sport, it would be an extreme disappointment to say the least.

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1 What will be the next big trick in the future of the Winter X Games?	They'll take place at Wrigley Field in July.	Finding a commentator who doesn't consider Red Bull, Pixy Stix and frog adrenaline a meal.	The Inverted Double Who Gives a [Bleep]?	Finding someplace to compete when global warming really sets in.	Finding enough extreme people to fill the extreme seats.
2 Good or bad: Cubs and White Sox players skipping the World Baseball Classic?	Good. It's not a classic and it's not worldwide so what's the point?	Good, but it's only one of many necessary measures to repair America's reputation abroad.	It's meh. I mean, really, doesn't it have to be good to be a classic?	Since I assume the point of the WBC is to win, then it's good for the U.S.	The skipping? Good. The World Baseball Classic? Bad.
3 How will life be different without Tribune Co. owning the Cubs?	I can finally root for the White Sox like I've always wanted to.	Jimmy will no longer have the luxury of stalking from the comfort of his own desk.	Cub fans will no longer be able to blame a faceless entity for their woes, like in other religions.	The Sun-Times will have to find a new reason to hate the Cubs and love the White Sox.	Phil's work-related obsession becomes an ordinary, unhealthy obsession.
4 Ex-Yankees manager Joe Torre's book claims players called Alex Rodriguez A-Fraud. Got a better one?	Greatest player of his generation whose teammates are jealous, overpaid losers.	The Sultan of Squat.	Mr. Madonna.	Yankee Doodle Randy.	Like me, he gets no respect. A-Rod and I deal with famous butts all the time.
5 Why is there a sports radio personality named Steak Shapiro?	Because it's rare. Well done, Jimmy.	Producers were looking for the perfect complement to Asparagus Smith and Twice-Baked Potato Jackson.	He's ripping off my shtick! Listen to "Salisbury Serrano" on overnights on WMVP!	Rump Roast Shapiro just wouldn't work.	Doesn't beat Phil's. I've heard people call him "Fantasy Phil" and "Philbo Baggins."

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The longest week for NFL fans is here: the pre-Super Bowl media spectacle that won't stop until kickoff Sunday. I'm most looking forward to the round table with Kurt Warner's wife, John Madden and Pacman Jones. Good times right there.

My dear readers, what do you think of the media craze that precedes the game?

Text "**whiz**" and your thoughts to **47383**. I'll report the best on Wednesday.

Here now, my TV picks.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Marquette at Notre Dame

6 p.m. ESPN

The Irish have lost three straight. Making my letdown prediction come true.

TENNIS

Australian Open

8:30 p.m. ESPN2

Serena Williams beat Andy Roddick when they were preteens. She could probably do it again now.

PROFESSIONAL BULL RIDERS

Dallas

7 p.m. VERSUS

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Wrigley Field
AP FILE

Field of schemes

There's been a lot of talk recently about Wrigley Field possibly hosting a college football game between Northwestern and Illinois. But why stop there? As long as Wrigley is pulling in the fans—and the bucks—no idea should be off the table. Now that the Cubs have a potential buyer in the Ricketts family, here are RedEye's suggestions for other sporting events that should be added to the Wrigley resume.

WWE WRESTLEMANIA

If any over-the-top event was made for the atmosphere of Wrigley, it is pro wrestling. Imagine the likes of Triple H, John Cena and Undertaker battling it out as 40,000 drunken fans egg them on.

NCAA TOURNAMENT GAMES

March Madness would reach even more maddening levels on an outdoor court. The opening rounds of the tourney already are the best four days in sports; mix in the Wrigley mystique and you've got something truly special. Just keep Bob Knight away to avoid any lasting damage to the stadium.

BEER PONG

What better way to put the emerging sport (?!?) on the map than hosting a World Series of Beer Pong tourney? Officials could round out the field by selecting some bleacher bums to compete—although they might have an unfair advantage.

WORLD SERIES OF POKER

Can't you just see a final-table showdown between Men "The Master" Nguyen and Phil Hellmuth on Wrigley's famed field? It would, admittedly, be hard to tell what's going on from the grandstands, but that's not so different than baseball season when many fans don't care what's going on in the first place.

WORLD SERIES TITLE CELEBRATION

Here's an idea: How about the Cubs deliver long-suffering fans a World Series title at Wrigley? Yeah, crazy, right?

HOMETOWN HITS

Minnesota 109, Bulls 108

Al Jefferson scored a season-high 39 points to lead Minnesota to a 109-108 overtime victory over the Bulls on Sunday, the Timberwolves' ninth win in 11 games. The Timberwolves handed the Bulls to their fifth straight loss.

» Tyrus Thomas left Sunday night's game at Minnesota with a sprained right ankle, but returned in the fourth quarter.

White Sox representatives say a small number of hotel packages and three-day (with hotel reservations) and two-day passes are available for SoxFest this weekend. Friday night is exclusive for Palmer House Hilton guests. Single-day passes for Saturday and Sunday are sold out. Hotel rooms can be booked online through Tuesday. The White Sox say the number of hotel rooms and weekend passes has been increased and they expect to at least match 2008's attendance.

SOCCER

Goooooaaaal: Beckham scores

David Beckham has scored his first goal for AC Milan. He scored in the 60th minute of Milan's match at Bologna on Sunday to make it 4-1.

RACING

Donohue wins at Daytona

David Donohue won the Rolex 24 on Sunday at Daytona International Speedway after passing NASCAR star Juan Pablo Montoya for the lead just 41 minutes from the finish.

ONE-LINERS

Milwaukee Bucks star guard Michael Redd will miss the rest of the season with two torn ligaments in his left knee. » Lance Armstrong finishes 29th overall in the Tour Down Under. » Roger Federer advances to quarterfinals of Australian Open.

CATTY CORNER

Andy explains loss to Serena

Roddick

Williams

Andy Roddick is laughing off a loss to Serena Williams, saying that it came 16 years ago when he was a skinny 10-year-old and she was "bench-pressing dump trucks." Williams said last week that her triumph over Roddick when they were preteens training together in Florida is one of her greatest wins. "Any chance she gets, she just does it to get under my skin, and she does it very successfully," Roddick said. "She forgets to mention that it was 1993."

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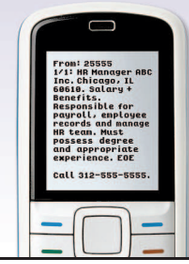

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Head Start Teacher	EASTER SEALS	Chicago	CB322051
Literacy Position	NORTH CENTRAL COLLEGE	Naperville	CB314815
Middle School Principal	HEBRON SCHOOLS	Northwest Indiana	CB314751
Part-Time Recruiter	MORAINE VALLEY COLLEGE	Palos Hills	CB320625

ENGINEERING >>

Position	Company	Location	WEB ID
CAD Operator	DYNAMIC ENGINEERING	Joliet	CB314278
Civil/Structural Engineer	TY LIN INTERNATIONAL	Chicago	CB312735
Engineering Manager	ALCAN PACKAGING	Batavia	CB317936
Estimating/Mfg Engineer	PRODUCTION TOOL CORP	Southside Chicago	CB315277
Field Service Technician	ST. JUDE MEDICAL CENTER	Chicago	CB321924
Senior Engineer	NAVISTAR, INC.	Melrose Park	CB320601
Sr. Project Engineer	NAVISTAR, INC.	Melrose Park	CB320589

FINANCE >>

Position	Company	Location	WEB ID
Financial Analyst	THE MACARTHUR FOUNDATION	Chicago	CB317935
Financial Systems SME	PSI	Chicago	CB317542

GENERAL >>

Position	Company	Location	WEB ID
Assistant Director	UIC	Chicago	CB314719
Cust Svc- Reps	ENERGY SUPPLIER	Chicagoland	CB325022
General Assistant Managers	MME	Chicagoland	CB317495
Movers	MOVING/HAULING COMPANY	Chicagoland	CB317734
Optometrist	HIGH END OPTICAL	Chicago	CB310750
Sales Reps	EMS	Chicagoland	CB312777

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Position	Company	Location	WEB ID
Structural Designer	PLATINUM CONVERTING, INC	Itasca	CB313962

HEALTHCARE >>

Position	Company	Location	WEB ID
Activity Director	LANCASTER HEALTH CARE GROUP	Chicago	CB316246
BE/BC Pediatric Hospitalist	CARLE CLINIC ASSOCIATION	Urbana	CB310749
Billing Coordinator	COMPANY CONFIDENTIAL	Burr Ridge	CB309382
Certified Medical Assistant	GEORGE SKARPATHIOTIS MD SC	Palos Heights	CB308339
Chefs	PROVIDENCE MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT	Various	CB320520
Dieticians	PROVIDENCE MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT	South Suburbs	CB311730
Director	BICKFORD COTTAGE ASSISTED LIVING	Crystal Lake	CB317841
Financial Systems SME	PSI	Chicago	CB310837
Food Service Directors	PROVIDENCE MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT	South Suburbs	CB316028
Health Care Positions	JACKSON PARK HOSPITAL	Chicago	CB324876
Hematology Oncology Specialists	HEMATOLOGY ONCOLOGY SPECIALISTS OF ILLINOIS	Chicago	CB318357
Home Health Occupational Therapy	GOTTLIEB MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	Melrose Park	CB315122
Licensed Nursing Administrator	SOMERSET PLACE	Chicago	CB308400
Marketing Director	CLARK MANOR CONVALESCENT	Chicago	CB325100
Medical Coder	MEDICAL BILLING OFFICE	Chicagoland	CB314316
Medicare Director	PREMIER FACILITY	Chicago	CB314502
Nurse Practitioner/Physician Asst	TAKE CARE HEALTH SYSTEMS	Gary, IN	CB314302
Outpatient Physical Therapists	GOTTLIEB MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	Melrose Park	CB321877
Patient Care Rep.	LITHOLINK CORPORATION	Chicago	CB314763
Payment Poster	PHYSICIAN SUPPORT SYSTEMS	Chicago	CB308341

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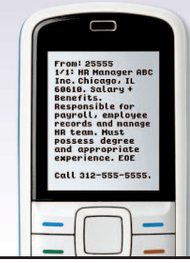

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Physical Therapist	PROVIDENCE MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT	South Suburbs	CB316509
Physical Therapists	NORTHWEST CENTER FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY	Park Ridge	CB317108
Practice Administrator	UROLOGY OFFICE	Elk Grove Village	CB313788
Psychologist	HEALTHCARE AGENCY	Various	CB316920
RN MDS Coordinator	WESTSHIRE NURSING AND REHAB CENTER	Cicero	CB314590
Sr. Medical Biller	LITHOLINK CORPORATION	Chicago	CB323458
Unit Clerk	PROVIDENCE MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT	South Holland	CB310993
HUMAN RESOURCES >>			
Vice President, Human Resources	CO. CONFIDENTIAL	Chicago Suburban	CB316956
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY >>			
Business analysts	SOL MILLENNIA	Aurora	CB311970
Network Administrator	QUALITY CATERING FOR KIDS, INC.	Lake Villa	CB312886
Project Manager	OST INTERNATIONAL CORP.	Naperville	CB318834
Systems Analyst IV	CHICKASAW NATIONAL INDUSTRIES	North Chicago	CB313552
Systems Analysts	IT CONVERGENCE	Naperville	CB311155
Web App Developer	AMERICANEAGLE.COM	Park Ridge	CB316417
INSURANCE >>			
Workers Comp. Claims Analyst	MIDWEST INSURANCE COMPANY	Chicago	CB311324
MAINTENANCE >>			
Custodial Supervisor-2nd Shift	SCHOOL DISTRICT U-46	Elgin	CB318093
Maintenance Technician	SCHOOL DISTRICT U-46	Elgin	CB317940
MANAGEMENT >>			
DD Compliance Coord. - 256-05905	BSDC	Beatrice, NE	CB309185
Facility Administrator - #256-05001	BEATRICE STATE DEVEL. CTR.	Beatrice, NE	CB318235
Production Superintendent	ROOFING COMPANY	Alsip	CB315566
MANUFACTURING >>			
Machine Operator	UNIVERSAL METAL HOSE	Midway	CB314813
Manufacturing and Machining Positions	MONARCH TECHNICAL SERVICE	Rolling Meadows	CB316740
Tool and Dye Maker	MFG CO	Alsip	CB316233
MARKETING >>			
Marketing Coordinator	ARCHITECTUAL FIRM	Western Suburbs	CB323452
NURSING >>			
Cardiac Nurse Clinicians	MIDWEST HEART SPECIALIST	Western Suburbs	CB314595
Cardiac Nurses	MIDWEST HEART SPECIALISTS	Western Suburbs	CB312029
Licensed Administrator	NURSING HOME	Hickory Hills	CB322107
Nurse Clinician	THE NEUROLOGY DEPT. OF	Chicago	CB319028
RN 11-7 Supervisor	SOMERSET PLACE	Chicago	CB317682
RN/LPN	HEALTH CARE FACILITY	Chicago	CB318684
RN/LPN	SHERWIN MANOR NURSING CTR	Chicago	CB310451
RN/LPN/DON/ADON	PERFECT STAFFING SOLUTIONS	Chicago/Suburbs	CB316329
RNs	WESTCHESTER HEALTH AND REHABILITATION CENTER	Westchester	CB316041
Registered Nurse	CARDIOSPECIALISTS GROUP	NW Indiana	CB317550
Travel RN/Contract	HEALTH SYSTEMS OF ILLINOIS	Lombard	CB317408
Triage RN	THE WOMEN'S GROUP OF NORTHWESTERN	Chicago	CB316210
Utilization Review Nurse	HEALTHSYSTEMS OF ILLINOIS	Lombard	CB316316
PRINTING >>			
Pressmen	COMPANY CONFIDENTIAL	Chicago	CB308851

Position	Company	Location	WEB ID
PRODUCTION >>			
Electrical Technician	CHICAGO TRIBUNE	Chicago	CB313706
Lead Production Operator	TRIBUNE DIRECT	Northlake	CB317652
REAL ESTATE >>			
Real Estate Agents	DREAMTOWN	Chicago	CB317605
RESEARCH >>			
Research Specialist	UIC, COLLEGE OF DENISTRY	Chicago	CB325582
RESTAURANT >>			
Management Open House	PANDA EXPRESS RESTAURANT	Chicago	CB313172
RETAIL >>			
Administrative Assistants	ALDI, INC.	Batavia	CB312949
Assistant Managers	ALDI, INC.	Chicagoland	CB318564
Cashiers	ALDI, INC.	Chicagoland	CB312893
SALES >>			
Appointment Setters	A MARKETING COMPANY	Various	CB325164
B to B Inside Sales	IPA	Buffalo Grove	CB316362
B2B/Sales/Registration Reps	ENERGY SUPPLIER	Chicagoland	CB303537
Medical Sales Rep	MANUFACTURER OF WOUND/SKIN CARE PRODUCTS	Chicagoland	CB311216
Outside Sales Professional	G.S. COOPER	Mount Prospect, IL	CB319106
Outside Sales Rep	RIVER NORTH SALES & SERVICE	Chicago	CB325119
Regional Sales Manager	HIROSE ELECTRIC USA	Various	CB310610
Sales	FINANCIAL SERVICES	Chicagoland	CB325538
Sales Associate	VOLVO OF OAK PARK	Oak Park	CB309604
Sales Person	MCALLISTER EQUIPMENT CO	Southside Chicago	CB312042
Sales Pros	EMS	Chicagoland	CB316317
Sales Rep, Triblocal	TRIBLOCAL	Oak Brook	CB315105
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Eastern SPIRITS

Kick off the Year of the Ox at one of these Chinese BYOBs

By Mindy Yahr

Chinese New Year celebrations kick off today, and while traditions like firecrackers, parades and prayers are sure to be repeated in China and around the world, there's no reason you can't add some traditions of your own—like uncorking wine with friends. Grab a bottle and start the year off right at one of these BYOB Chinese restaurants.

Double Li
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Double Li

228 W. Cermak Rd. 312-842-7818

This Chinatown staple known for regional Szechuan cuisine draws a mix of neighborhood regulars, foodies and suburbanites. In traditional Szechuan style, the menu is full of dishes with strong, spicy flavors such as sliced lamb sauteed with salt, cumin and dried chilies, and shrimp in spicy black bean sauce.

Don't miss: Pepper-garlic beef tenderloin ($12, above), marinated for three days in oyster and soy sauces and prepared with more oyster sauce, sugar and black pepper

BYOB: Swing by the University Village outpost of **Lush Wine and Spirits** (1306 S. Halsted St.) for a bottle of 2007 Blees-Ferber riesling ($15.50). The wine's sweetness and high acidity will help tame the heat of spicy dishes. Double Li does not charge a corkage fee.

Mei Shung

5511 N. Broadway St. 773-728-5778

Though the regular menu includes plenty of Cantonese and Szechuan dishes, this casual, 80-seat Edgewater spot specializes in Taiwanese cuisine. Ask your server for the Taiwanese menu—and some assistance navigating it—and you'll have your pick of authentic seafood and pork selections, most of which top out around $12.

Don't miss: Soft-shell crab ($15.95), breaded, tossed with spicy salt, stir fried and served with chopped onions, green and red peppers, and garlic

BYOB: Stop by **In Fine Spirits** (5418 N. Clark St.) for a bottle of 2007 Quinta Cabriz Encruzado ($11.99), a Portuguese white with a sharp acidity that pairs nicely with sweet and spicy food. Mei Shung does not charge a corkage fee.

Guey Lon

3968 N. Elston Ave. 773-267-1724

This family-owned Cantonese restaurant is an Irving Park institution, having called the 'hood home for 62 years. With entrees under $10 and a menu of crowd-pleasers like Chinese-style shrimp and vegetable tempura (a lighter version of the Japanese classic), it just might get to stick around for another 62.

Don't miss: Steak fried rice ($7.95), the signature dish, topped with stir-fried sirloin and onions

BYOB: Make a pre-dinner run to **West Lakeview Liquors** (2156 W. Addison St.) for a bottle of 2007 Tilia Malbec-Syrah ($9.99), a fruity red with some spice that will hold up to bold flavors. Guey Lon does not charge a corkage fee.

Friendship Restaurant

2830 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-227-0970

"180 degrees from ordinary Chinese" is how owner Alan Yuen describes this upscale Logan Square spot, serving French-influenced Cantonese- and Szechuan-style dishes. On weekends, the place gets crowded with folks looking for unique specialties such as sweet-and-sour chicken in passion fruit and white wine sauce and wok-style smoked fish with a mango and pineapple chutney.

Don't miss: Honey-walnut shrimp ($14.95), lightly breaded shrimp and honey-glazed walnuts topped with walnut sauce, diced sweet pepper and Szechuan aioli

BYOB: Head down the street to **Vas Foremost Liquors** (2300 N. Milwaukee Ave.) for a bottle of Four Vines zinfandel ($14.50), a red that's light enough to play well with spicy dishes. Friendship charges a $3 corkage fee per bottle.

Check **metromix.com** for details on Sunday's Chinatown Parade and other celebrations around town.

Yang Restaurant

28 E. Roosevelt Rd. 312-986-1688

Cantonese fare is the main event at this 6-year-old South Loop spot, so expect a variety of dishes with sweet and sour flavor combos. Join hordes of hungry Columbia College students and indulge in the restaurant's most popular item, crab rangoon, or try one of the Mandarin-style dishes, such as Mongolian beef or Singapore rice noodles. Most dishes are available in small ($5-$6) and large ($8-$9) portions.

Don't miss: Barbecue pork with string beans (small $5.75, large $8.75 large), marinated and roasted pork stir fried with garlic in a light brown sauce and served with fresh-cut, long green beans

BYOB: Hit up nearby **Sam's Wines and Spirits** (50 E. Roosevelt Rd.) for a bottle of Las Brisas ($9.99), a Spanish sauvignon blanc-verdelho blend with a mild tang and peach notes that will cut through fried dishes and heavy sauces. Yang charges a $2 corkage fee per person.

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The Meatloaf Bakery
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best bets

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MONDAY DEAL

Lunar landing

Kohan Japanese Restaurant, 730 W. Maxwell St. 312-421-6254.

Celebrate the Chinese **Lunar New Year** with a free bowl of Korean rice cake soup with your lunch or dinner. Monday marks the year 4706, represented by the ox, a symbol of prosperity through hard work—and not a minute too soon. 11:30 a.m. Entree prices vary.

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Meatloaf rendezvous

Sam's Wines & Spirits, 50 E. Roosevelt Rd. 312-663-9463.

If you like to try new restaurants but lack the time (and the bankroll) to hit them all, let Metromix lend a hand. For just $10, you can sample bites from new spots at **A Taste of New on the Scene**. Eats from Fontana Grill, The Meatloaf Bakery, Milwood Pizza Burgers & More, Shiso and Sugar Bliss are on the menu, and—talk about bang for your buck—admission includes wine pairings and Grey Goose samples. 5:30 p.m. R.S.V.P.: **metromixpromotions@tribune.com**

Game on

Dine, 733 W. Madison St. 312-602-2100.

Count down to Super Bowl Sunday with **touchdown-worthy deals** at Dine. Score $20 domestic buckets ($25 for imports), $6 shots of Grey Goose L'Orange and Licor 43, and $6 martinis made with Grey Goose Pear, L'Orange and Citron. Don't miss an all-you-can-eat nacho bar ($7.95) and deals on buffalo wings (six for $5; 12 for $9). Through Sunday. Prices vary.

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The art of small plates

Cafe Ba-Ba-Reeba!, 2024 N. Halsted St. 773-935-5000.

Add a little cubism to your cuisine at **Artista Ba-Ba-Reeba**, where you'll learn about the life and work of Pablo Picasso during a slide show from an Art Institute of Chicago expert. Dinner includes a six-course tapas menu by chef Tim Cottini, featuring Spanish wine, sherry and brandy pairings, such as bacon-wrapped monkfish over red wine onions with 2004 Buil & Gine 17-XI garnacha. 6 p.m. $65.

A new twist

Museum of Contemporary Art, 220 E. Chicago Ave. 312-397-4010.

Like free stuff? Broaden your music horizons without breaking the bank at the **Magical Musical Showcase**, where local experimental musician Alex Inglizian performs original music with sounds modified by circuit-bending and hacking battery-powered toys. Light fare, beer and wine are available for purchase. 6:30 p.m. Free.

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Position yourself

Theatre Building Chicago, 1225 W. Belmont Ave. 773-525-5006.

Say goodbye to frigid winter temps (for an evening, anyhow) when Freddy Zental performs his steamy one-man show "**Tantra Nova Man**." The funny foray into intimacy, sex and love by the actor, storyteller, percussionist and tantric sex practitioner Zental includes a post-show discussion. Get those questions ready. 7 p.m. $20-$25.

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$14.92 sangria pitchers; 42 E. Superior St. 312-867-1492.

ASHLAND
$3 select drafts; 2824 N. Ashland Ave. 773-883-7297.

BELLY'S BAR & GRILL
$1 burgers, $2 domestic bottles, $3 well drinks, $4 SoCo Lime shots, $5 Red Bull vodkas, half-price appetizers; 3210 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-525-3632.

BLUE LINE
$2 PBR, Old Style, Miller Lite and Bud Light bottles, $3 house red and white wine; 1548 N. Damen Ave. 773-395-3700.

CELTIC CROWN
$2 burgers, $2 domestic drafts, $3 cheeseburgers; 4301 N. Western Ave. 773-588-1110.

COOPER'S
$1 PBR cans, $5 cheese pizzas; 1232 W. Belmont Ave. 773-929-2667.

High Dive
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Metromix's top bar deals

Pretend it's summer with these warm-weather drink deals.

HIGH DIVE
$3 Coronas, $5 Cazadores margaritas; 1938 W. Chicago Ave. 773-235-3483.

EL NUEVO MEXICANO
Half-price mojitos, $18 import beer buckets; 2914 N. Clark St. 773-528-2131.

OLE LOUNGE
$8 sangria carafes, $5 martinis, half-price select tapas (5-7 p.m.); 2812 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-388-3500.

SALUD TEQUILA LOUNGE
$5 caipirinhas, $5 Macho Burracho tequila burgers; 1471 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-235-5577.

CORTLAND'S GARAGE
$5 build-your-own burgers, $3 Bud bottles; 1645 W. Cortland St. 773-862-7877.

THE FIFTY/50
$5 Jameson cocktails, $4 drafts, two-for-one wings; 2047 W. Division St. 773-489-5050.

THE GLOBE PUB
$5 burgers, $4 Goose Island 312 drafts, comedy open mic at 8 p.m.; 1934 W. Irving Park Rd. 773-871-3757.

THE KERRYMAN
$1 burgers; 661 N. Clark St. 312-335-8121.

THE LONG ROOM
$3.50 Midwestern microdrafts; 1612 W. Irving Park Rd. 773-665-4500.

MCDUNNA'S
$1 Bud drafts, half-price food and drinks; 1505 W. Fullerton Ave. 773-929-0944.

MCFADDEN'S
$1 domestic bottles, $2 import bottles, half-price appetizers; 1206 N. State Pkwy. 312-475-9450.

MIX
$1 Bud and Bud Light bottles; 2843 N. Halsted St. 773-528-7569.

NICK'S ON WILSON
$5 for a house shot and a select beer; 1140 W. Wilson Ave. 773-271-1155.

PEOPLE LOUNGE
$2 PBR cans, $3 Coronas, $10 sangria pitchers, live gypsy jazz and Delta blues by John Kimler 9:30 p.m.; 1560 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-227-9339.

POITIN STIL
$3 Guinness drafts and Jameson shots; 1502 W. Jarvis Ave. 773-338-3285.

RED KIVA
Half-price pizza; 1108 W. Randolph St. 312-226-5577.

ROSCOE'S TAVERN
$2.50 Bud, Bud Light and Bud Light Lime bottles, $6 frozen cocktails, $6 grape bombs, $12 Stoli Blakberi lemonade pitchers; 3356 N. Halsted St. 773-281-3355.

STANLEY'S KITCHEN AND TAP
$10 buffet 5-11 p.m.; 1970 N. Lincoln Ave. 312-642-0007.

SULLY'S HOUSE TAP ROOM AND GRILL
$1 tacos, $2 select drafts; 1501 N. Dayton St. 312-929-2779.

THEORY
$5 burgers, $20 import buckets; 9 W. Hubbard St. 312-644-0004.

TILLI'S
Half-price bottles of wine with purchase of two entrees; 1952 N. Halsted St. 773-325-0044.

TUMBAO BAR & GRILL
10 cent wings, 50 cent mini-burgers, $2 Miller Lite bottles; 3213 W. Armitage Ave. 773-772-9800.

THE UPTOWN LOUNGE
$3 Stella Artois drafts, $4 Stoli cocktails; 1136 W. Lawrence Ave. 773-878-1136.

VAUGHAN'S PUB
$3 Blue Moon, 312 and Fat Tire pints, $5 mai tais, half-price pizzas; 2917 N. Sheffield Ave. 773-281-8188.

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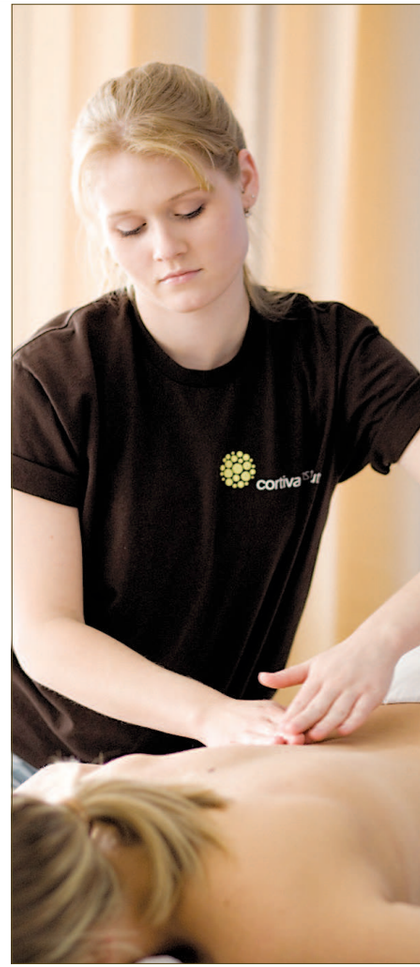

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Monday concerts

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9 p.m. $10 suggested donation. Uncommon Ground on Devon, 1401 W. Devon Ave. 773-465-9801.

BOOTY MOVEMENT COALITION
8:30 p.m. $8. Martyrs', 3855 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-404-9869.

BRIAN VANDER ARK, KRISTY KRUGER AND DYLAN SNEED, KRISTA DETOR
8 p.m. $8. Schubas, 3159 N. Southport Ave. 773-525-2508.

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8:30 p.m. $7. Elbo Room, 2871 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-549-5549.

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9:30 p.m. Free. Empty Bottle, 1035 N. Western Ave. 773-276-3600.

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8 p.m. $10. SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. 847-492-8860.

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12:15 p.m. Free. Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington St. 312-744-6630.

GRANA' LOUISE AND THE TROUBLEMAKERS
9 p.m. $8. Blue Chicago at Superior, 736 N. Clark St. 312-642-6261.

INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER ARTISTS
7 p.m. Free. Ganz Hall at Roosevelt University, 430 S. Michigan Ave. 773-727-5357.

JEN PORTER'S MOST FABULOUS TRIO
Midnight. Cover varies. The Underground Wonder Bar, 10 E. Walton St. 312-266-7761.

JIMMY BURNS HOSTS THE JAM
9:30 p.m. $10. Buddy Guy's Legends, 754 S. Wabash Ave. 312-427-0333.

LINSEY ALEXANDER
9:30 p.m. $7. B.L.U.E.S., 2519 N. Halsted St. 773-528-1012.

METALLICA, MACHINE HEAD, THE SWORD
7 p.m. $59.50-$79.50. Allstate Arena, 6920 Mannheim Rd., Rosemont. 312-559-1212.

MICHAEL JACKSON'S BANGERS AND MASH
9 p.m. Free. Morseland, 1218 W. Morse Ave. 773-764-8900.

THE MUDFLAPPS
8 p.m. Free. The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston. 847-864-1679.

YOKO NOGE'S JAZZ ME BLUES BAND
7 p.m. $10. Andy's Jazz Club, 11 E. Hubbard St. 312-642-6805.

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By Michael Schmitt
FOR REDEYE

Glencoe native Russell Baylin felt so passionate about making films in college, he moved to L.A. to pursue it as a career.

Little did he know that he was keeping his true passion private.

"I always used to sing in the car," Baylin said. "I never really thought of music as a pursuit until I felt unfulfilled in Los Angeles."

He came back to Chicago to attempt a music career, but after years of frustration in bands, he was wary to continue. So he set off on a solo career. But something was missing.

"A band allows me to filter the bad stuff and improve the good stuff," he said. "I can't ever judge the stuff I do very objectively."

He turned to Craigslist to help him assemble a new band. That's where he found members of his band, My My My, a group of musicians Baylin calls "extremely dedicated."

Since forming two years ago, the band—Sarah Snow, vocals; John Roper, bass; Bill Skafish, drums; Johnny Szymanski, keyboards—has powered through two indie-pop albums.

Baylin says the band's cohesive chemistry allows them to work quickly, both in the songwriting process and in the studio. But even after two albums, Baylin is anxious about the group's future. Still, giving up is never an option.

"[Music] is something that I've always just really felt the happiest doing. I think that's why I sang in my car all the time," he said. "It just comes naturally to me and makes me feel good doing it. I don't think it's any deeper than that."

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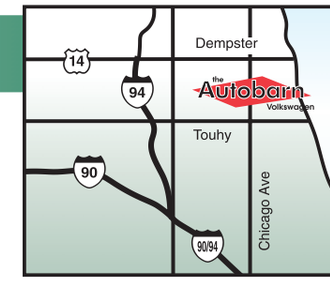

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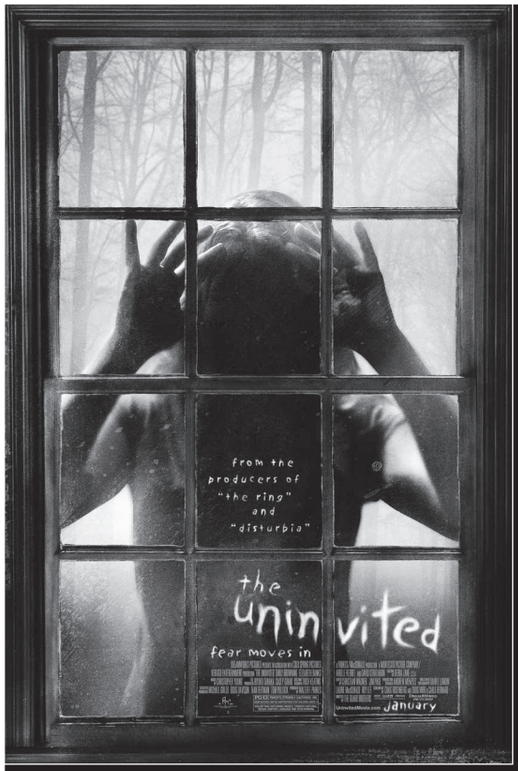

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AMC Select - The best specialty films
- **Underworld** (R) 2:15,5:15,8:00,10:45
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- **Notorious** (R) 1:30,2:30,3:15,5:30,6:15,7:00,8:30,9:30
- **My Bloody Val** (R) 4:15,10:10
- AMC Select **Gran Torino** (R) 1:50,4:40,7:30,10:20
- **Bride Wars** (PG) 2:40,4:50,7:20,9:45
- **The Unborn** (PG–13) 4:30,10:30
- **Benjamin Button** (PG–13) 3:00,6:30,10:00
- **Marley & Me** (PG) 1:15,7:10

LANDMARK CENTURY CENTRE CINEMA (LANDMARK)
2828 North Clark St., Chicago
(773) 509-4949
- **Che** (NR) 1:30,7:15
- **Revo Road** (R) 2:00,4:50,6:30,7:45,10:30
- **The Reader** (R) 3:15,6:45,9:50
- **Milk** (R) 1:30,4:30,7:30,10:20
- **Slumdog Mill** (R) 1:45,3:00,4:40,7:40,9:20,10:30
- **Doubt** (PG–13) 1:55,4:45,7:35,10:10

CITY NORTH 14 (KERASOTES)
2600 N. Western Ave.
(800) 326-3264 #1642
- **Inkheart** (PG) ★ 1:00,3:40,6:30,9:10
- **Underworld** (R) ★ 2:00,3:20,4:50,6:20,7:30,9:00,10:00
- **Hotel for Dogs** (PG) ★ 12:50,3:50,6:50,9:30
- **Blart: Mall Cop** (PG) ★ (Closed caption) 12:20,1:50, 2:45,4:30,5:10,7:10,7:50,9:45,10:20
- **My Bloody Val** (R) ★ 1:10,1:40,4:10,4:40,7:00,7:40,9:40,10:15
- **Notorious** (R) ★ 12:30,3:15,6:05,8:50
- **Bride Wars** (PG) 2:15,5:00,8:00,10:30
- **The Unborn** (PG–13) 4:05,6:45,9:15
- **Benjamin Button** (PG–13) 2:30,6:15,9:50
- **Bedtime Stories** (PG) 12:45 P.M.
- **Marley & Me** (PG) 12:40,3:30,6:40,9:20
- **Gran Torino** (R) 1:30,4:20,7:20,10:10
- **Tale of Desp** (G) 1:20 P.M.

DAVIS THEATRE (VALUE)
4614 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago
(773) 784-0893
- **Revo Road** (R) ★ 4:50,7:20,9:50
- **Slumdog Mill** (R) 5:10,7:30,10:00

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DAVIS THEATRE (VALUE) (continued)
- **Gran Torino** (R) 5:00,7:40,10:00
- **Doubt** (PG–13) 5:00,7:15,9:30

FORD CITY 14 (AMC)
S. Cicero at 76th, Chicago
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AMC Select - The best specialty films
- **Inkheart** (PG) 1:20,3:50,6:15,9:00
- **Underworld** (R) 1:00,2:00,3:15,4:15,5:30,6:30,7:45,8:45,10:00
- **Hotel for Dogs** (PG) 1:15,3:40,6:10,8:30
- **Notorious** (R) 1:00,2:00,3:00,4:00,5:00,6:00,7:00,8:00,9:00,9:45
- **Blart: Mall Cop** (PG) 1:10,3:25,5:40,7:50,10:00
- AMC Select **Defiance** (R) 2:10,5:10
- **My Bloody Val** (R) 2:20,4:50,7:15,8:15,9:40
- **Not Easily** (PG–13) 1:40,4:10,6:30,8:50
- AMC Select **Gran Torino** (R) 1:30,4:30,7:10,9:50
- **The Unborn** (PG–13) 1:30,3:45,6:00,7:00,8:10,9:10
- **Bedtime Stories** (PG) 1:00 P.M.
- **Tale of Desp** (G) 2:15,4:30

GENE SISKEL FILM CENTER
164 State Street
312-846-2800
- **Stranded** (NR) 6:00,8:30
- **Cairo Station** (NR) 8:00
- **Cairo As Seen** (NR)
- **The Catch** (NR) 6:00

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LOGAN THEATRE
2646 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago
(773) 252-0628
- **Valkyrie** (PG–13) 1:55,4:05,6:15,8:30
- **Bedtime Stories** (PG) 2:10,4:10,6:15,8:20
- **Tale of Desp** (G) 2:05,4:05,6:10,8:10
- **Twilight** (PG–13) 2:00,4:15,6:25,8:40

MUSIC BOX
3733 N. Southport, Chicago
(773) 871-6604
- **The Wrestler** (R) 5:15,7:30,9:45
- **Secret Grain** (NR) 5:00,8:00

PIPERS ALLEY (AMC)
1608 N. Wells, Chicago
(312) 642-7500
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AMC Select - The best specialty films
- **The Dark Knight** (PG–13) 4:15 P.M.
- **Chandni Chowk** (PG–13) 6:20 P.M.
- AMC Select **Waltz-Bashir** (R) 2:15,4:40,7:00
- AMC Select **Vicky Cristina** (PG–13) 1:50,4:05
- AMC Select **Let the Right** (R) 1:45,7:30
- AMC Select **Rachel Getting** (R) 2:00,4:50,7:40

RIVER EAST 21 (AMC)
322 E. Illinois Street
847-765-7262
Show times change daily
- AMC Select **Milk** (R) 1:30,4:40,7:40,10:40
- **Inkheart** (PG) 1:15,3:50,6:30,9:20
- AMC Select **Revo Road** (R) 1:20,4:20,7:20,10:25
- AMC Select **Frost/Nixon** (R) 2:35,5:35,8:35
- AMC Select **Slumdog Mill** (R) 1:20,4:20,6:00,7:30,10:45
- **Underworld** (R) 1:30,4:15,7:00,9:40
- AMC Select **The Wrestler** (R) 2:00,3:20,5:00,7:50,8:55,10:50
- AMC Select **Last-Harvey** (PG–13) 1:40,4:25,7:10,10:00
- **Hotel for Dogs** (PG) 3:30,6:10,8:45
- **Blart: Mall Cop** (PG) 1:15,3:45,6:15,8:45
- **My Bloody Val** (R) ◆ 2:15,5:00,7:45,10:40
- AMC Select **Defiance** (R) 1:00,4:05,7:20,10:45
- AMC Select **The Reader** (R) 1:25,4:25,7:25,10:30
- **Not Easily** (PG–13) 3:00,5:30
- AMC Select **Gran Torino** (R) 2:05,5:10,8:15
- **Bride Wars** (PG) 3:05,5:30,8:05,10:45
- **The Unborn** (PG–13) 5:25,7:50,10:25
- **Benjamin Button** (PG–13) 2:40,6:30,10:10
- **Bedtime Stories** (PG) 2:45 P.M.
- **Valkyrie** (PG–13) 8:00,10:50
- **Marley & Me** (PG) 1:00,4:00,7:15,10:20
- AMC Select **Doubt** (PG–13) 1:50,4:35,7:25,10:15

CROWN VILLAGE 18 (KERASOTES)
7000 Carperter Rd., Skokie
(800) 326-3264 #2309
- **Inkheart** (PG) ★ 11:40,2:10,4:50,7:30,10:10
- **Underworld** (R) ★ 1:20,2:20,3:50,5:00,6:45,7:50,9:10,10:30
- **Hotel for Dogs** (PG) ★ 12:40,3:20,6:10,8:40
- **Defiance** (R) ★ 11:50,3:00,6:20,9:20
- **Last-Harvey** (PG–13) ★ 1:30,4:40,7:45,10:25
- **Blart: Mall Cop** (PG) ★ 11:30,1:50,4:10,6:40,9:00
- **My Bloody Val** (R) ★ 1:40,4:20,7:00,9:40
- **Notorious** (R) ★ 12:10,3:10,6:05,8:50
- **Bride Wars** (PG) 12:00,2:30,5:00,7:40,10:00
- **The Unborn** (PG–13) 10:35 P.M.
- **Revo Road** (R) 1:00,4:00,7:10,9:50
- **Benjamin Button** (PG–13) 8:20 P.M.
- **Bedtime Stories** (PG) 12:20,2:50,5:10,8:10
- **Marley & Me** (PG) 12:50,3:40,6:50,9:30
- **Gran Torino** (R) 1:15,4:15,7:20,10:05
- **Yes Man** (PG–13) 2:00,5:15
- **The Wrestler** (R) 11:45,2:40,5:20,8:00,10:20
- **Slumdog Mill** (R) 12:30,3:30,6:30,9:15
- **Rachel Getting** (R) 1:10,4:30,7:15,10:15

WEBSTER PLACE (KERASOTES)
1471 W. Webster Ave., Chicago
(800) 326-3264 #1641
- **Defiance** (R) ★ 12:30,3:00,3:45,6:30,7:00,9:40,10:10
- **Last-Harvey** (PG–13) ★ 2:00,4:50,7:20,9:50
- **Bride Wars** (PG) 12:20,1:50,2:45,4:15,5:10,6:50,7:40,9:15,10:00
- **Benjamin Button** (PG–13) 12:50,2:30,4:30,6:10,8:00,9:45
- **Gran Torino** (R) 12:40,2:15,3:30,5:00,6:40,7:50,9:30,10:30
- **Valkyrie** (PG–13) 1:15,4:00,7:10,10:20
- **Frost/Nixon** (R) 1:40,4:40,7:30,10:15

SHOWPLACE 14 - GALEWOOD CROSSINGS (KERASOTES)
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- **Inkheart** (PG) 12:50,3:50,6:45,9:20
- **Underworld** (R) 1:00,1:50,3:30,4:15,6:10,7:00,9:00,9:30
- **Hotel for Dogs** (PG) 2:10,4:40,7:20,9:50
- **Defiance** (R) 12:40,3:45,6:50,10:00
- **Blart: Mall Cop** (PG) 1:30,4:20,7:10,9:40
- **Notorious** (R) 12:30,2:00,3:15,4:50,6:05,7:50,8:50
- **My Bloody Val** (R) 2:40,4:10,5:10,6:40,7:40,9:10,10:10
- **Bride Wars** (PG) 1:20,4:00,6:30,9:15
- **Not Easily** (PG–13) 2:30,5:00,7:45,10:20
- **The Unborn** (PG–13) 1:10,3:40,6:20,8:40
- **Bedtime Stories** (PG) 1:40 P.M.
- **Gran Torino** (R) 1:45,4:30,7:30,10:15

CICERO SHOWPLACE 14 (KERASOTES)
4779 W. Cermak
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- **Inkheart** (PG) ★ 1:00,3:50,6:45,9:20
- **Underworld** (R) ★ 1:20,2:30,4:00,5:00,6:30,7:45,9:00,10:20
- **Hotel for Dogs** (PG) ★ 2:10,4:40,7:15,9:50
- **Defiance** (R) ★ 12:40,3:40,6:50,9:55
- **Blart: Mall Cop** (PG) ★ 1:30,4:20,7:10,9:40
- **Notorious** (R) ★ 12:30,2:00,3:15,4:45,6:05,7:50,8:50
- **My Bloody Val** (R) ★ 1:40,2:40,4:10,5:10,6:40,7:40,9:10,10:10
- **Not Easily** (PG–13) 1:50,4:15,7:00,9:30
- **The Unborn** (PG–13) 1:10,3:30,6:20,8:40
- **Bedtime Stories** (PG) 2:20,4:50,7:20,10:00
- **Gran Torino** (R) 1:45,4:30,7:30,10:15

OAK PARK

LAKE CINEMAS (CLASSIC)
1022 Lake Street
630-444-FILM #560
- **Revo Road** (R) 1:30,4:15,7:00,9:35
- **The Wrestler** (R) 12:15,2:35,4:50,7:10,9:30
- **Hotel for Dogs** (PG) 12:00,2:15,4:30,6:45
- **My Bloody Val** (R) 12:45,3:00,5:15,7:35,9:55
- **Last-Harvey** (PG–13) 12:05,2:20,4:35,6:50,9:05
- **Gran Torino** (R) 12:00,2:30,5:00,7:30,10:00
- **Benjamin Button** (PG–13) 9:00 P.M.
- **Slumdog Mill** (R) 2:00,4:40,7:20,10:00

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1715 MAPLE AVE.
(847)492-0123 ♿
- **Inkheart** (PG) ★ 11:45,2:20,4:55,7:35,10:15
- **Underworld** (R) ★ 12:45,3:10,5:35,8:00,10:25
- **Waltz-Bashir** (R) ★ 12:40,3:00,5:20,7:40,10:00
- **Bride Wars** (PG) 12:30,2:50,5:10,7:30,9:50
- **Defiance** (R) ★ 12:35,3:50,7:00,10:10
- **Doubt** (PG–13) 1:30,4:00,6:50,9:25
- **Frost/Nixon** (R) 1:15,4:25,7:20,10:20
- **Gran Torino** (R) 1:30,4:25,7:15,10:05
- **Hotel for Dogs** (PG) ★ 11:40,2:05,4:35,7:05,9:35
- **Last-Harvey** (PG–13) ★ 12:10,2:45,5:25,7:55,10:20
- **Milk** (R) 1:20,4:15,7:25,10:25
- **My Bloody Val** (R) ★ 11:55,2:25,5:05,7:40,10:40
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- **Slumdog Mill** (R) 1:00,4:00,7:00,10:00
- **Benjamin Button** (PG–13) 1:10,4:45,8:20
- **The Wrestler** (R) 11:50,2:30,5:10,7:50,10:30

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One thing you can expect watching TNT's "Trust Me" is authenticity.

Eric McCormack, Tom Cavanagh and Monica Potter had at least some familiarity with the advertising business before agreeing to star as co-workers in a fake Chicago ad agency in the comedy, which premieres at 9 p.m. Monday after "The Closer."

They didn't work in an agency, but all three have filmed commercials.

"I had a [Labatt] Blue Light campaign in Canada," Cavanagh told reporters during a conference call. "The tag line was, 'If I wanted water, I would ask for water,' mocking ... the American beer alcohol content. It was a great acting experience."

McCormack did a series of spots for Labatt Dry, a beer that "died as quickly as the spots did," he said

Neither actor suffered the indignity Potter did in 1993, when she appeared on "Star Search" in the spokesmodel competition.

"I sucked so bad. I lost the first round, and I only got three stars," she said. "I was a horrible model."

The Cleveland native, who spent a year modeling and doing commercials in Chicago, got expert advice from her uncle, Bill Brokaw, a Cleveland advertising executive who has worked on several familiar ad campaigns, including:

» The Chuck Wagon Dog Food TV spots in which a dog chases a covered wagon before the wagon vanishes into a kitchen cupboard.

» The Coors commercials with Raymond J. Johnson Jr., who, if called "Johnson," would reply: "You can call me Ray, or you can call me Jay, or ..."

"I remembered him telling stories when I was a kid," Potter told me Friday during an interview at the Four Seasons. "I called him up and quizzed him."

All three stars relied on "Trust Me" creators Hunt Baldwin and John Coveny, who worked a combined 20 years at Leo Burnett and other Chicago advertising agencies.

"They've lived it. ... What we get from that is legitimacy and authenticity," Cavanagh said. "We have a huge advantage. It's like doing a doctor show with a famous doctor—Spock? Is he famous?"

Baldwin and Coveny tapped their Chicago connections for many of the show's ad props. Local agency Euro RSCG provided actual awards, trophies and posters, Euro's Erin Donohue told me in an e-mail. Viewers will see real advertisements, including ads Euro created for Chicago handbag designer Brigid's Bags and for Effen vodka.

"People in advertising work with products and talk about brands," Coveny told the New York Times. "To say 'Acme' every other sentence can lose credibility."

'Mad Men' mashup

TNT's new comedy is not—I repeat, is not—a 21st Century version of that other show about advertising. But the ad men of "Trust Me" do have some things in common with the "Mad Men" from AMC's Emmy-winning drama.

» "Trust Me" co-star Geoffrey Arend, who plays Hechtor, is engaged to Christina Hendricks, who plays Joan Holloway on "Mad Men."

» "Trust Me" writer/producer John Coveny is "like best friends" with "Mad Men" star Jon Hamm, according to "Trust Me" star Monica Potter, below.

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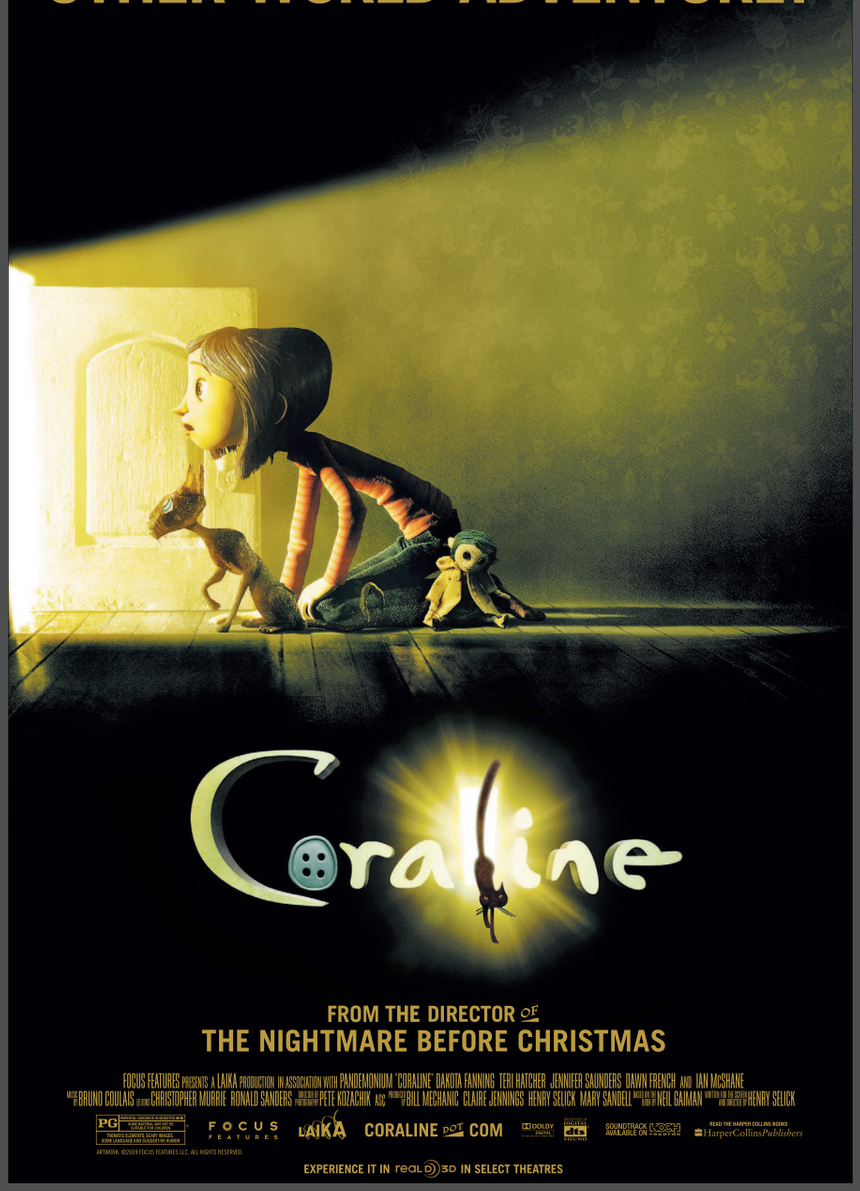

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Pisces

Feb. 19-March 20

Don't repeat the same patterns of behavior that always get you into trouble. Pluto says change your ways. Don't screw up a romance with huge potential just because you're in a bad mood or your daddy didn't love you enough. Grow up.

Aries

March 21-April 19

Pluto is inspiring you to explore the dark side of a relationship. You'll propose something kinky to your lover. Or you'll drunk dial a former flame and, in your usual melodramatic fashion, revisit past hurts from the old days. Fun.

Taurus

April 20-May 20

Watch out for Mercury-inspired miscommunications. When your girlfriend asks if her dress is ugly or her jeans make her look fat, it's best not to respond. And instead of saying to your boyfriend, "We need to talk," find a conversation starter that's less scary.

Gemini

May 21-June 21

Things have been on hold with someone, but the moon will bring some answers. You've been wondering if Mr. Hot Co-worker is into you, and he'll finally ask you out. Or you'll discover that Ms. Cutie from next door doesn't have a boyfriend, after all.

Cancer

June 22-July 22

Aren't you tired of all the petty arguments? So he never puts his socks away or she rarely changes the litter box. Are these deal breakers? If so, you have a lot to learn about people and more to learn about love. Mercury says don't be so petty.

Leo

July 23-Aug. 22

Jupiter is opposite your sign for a whole year. This means that you'll be doing lots of soul searching. "Should I move to Paris and be an artist?" "Should I date three people at once?" "Should I become a lumberjack?" Keep asking questions.

Virgo

Aug. 23-Sept. 22

With Mercury going direct, you're feeling less annoyed about your partner's imperfections. Celebrate with some steamy seduction. Admit it, you still have a thing for him or you're still pretty crazy about her. It's OK to unleash those passionate feelings.

Libra

Sept. 23-Oct. 23

There's a lot of momentum in your career, thanks to Jupiter. You could be completely focused on work. It's OK to be ambitious, but don't leave your honey in the dust. Make sure you're still giving your partner some quality time.

Scorpio

Oct. 24-Nov. 21

A sensitive moon is making you prickly. Your partner can do nothing right. Your job sucks. Why is everybody else so stupid? Why must you be the only brilliant mind on the planet? You know what? You need to get over yourself.

Sagittarius

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Get out there and have fun. The moon is encouraging you to socialize. You could be attracted to two people at once, which might complicate matters a bit. But it's worth checking out each situation to see which one works best for you.

Capricorn

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

As Mercury goes direct in your sign, you could find yourself looking at love in a whole new way. You'll discover the key to your honey's heart. You'll figure out why your last relationship didn't work, so you never make the same mistake again. Things are looking up.

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Werewolves taking over pop culture

Wolf blitzers

Vampires are soooooo 2008. This year is all about the werewolf.

The hairy ones are making a pop culture blitz, which means we're talking about them again for the first time since Tracy Jordan sang his novelty song "Werewolf Bar Mitzvah" on "30 Rock."

Already, "Underworld: Rise of the Lycans," the third installment in the series about vampires and werewolves, has made a splash, placing second at the box office this weekend. And buzz is building around "New Moon," the sequel to vampire flick "Twilight," that has a healthy dose of werewolf in it. Topping it all off, Benicio Del Toro and Anthony Hopkins are appearing in "The Wolf Man," which is set to hit theaters later this year.

But not all werewolves are created equally. Take a look at how these projects rank on RedEye's Wolf-O-Meter. (Yes, we have a Wolf-O-Meter.)

Wolf pack

We asked RedEye's Twitter followers to weigh in on the werewolf debate: Why so many werewolves in movies lately? Good? Bad? Ridiculous? Grab a bite of RedEye conversation at **twitter.com/redeyechicago**. COMPILED BY SCOTT KLEINBERG

@brettbittner Werewolves are the new zombies.

@sloney this is the supernatural alternative to that ninja vs pirate crap. Werewolves vs vampires is a far better debate. Lycans FTW!

@ajdierking Because not all of us like our men pale, cold and undead. Werewolves are just sexier.

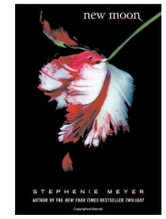
@RoxieRavenclaw They can't let all the pretty sparkly vampires have the fun. Someone—or something—has to run the show and be tough!

Wolf-O-Meter

RedEye lets you know what's buzzworthy

WORTH HOWLING ABOUT

Underworld: Rise of the Lycans
You know something's up with werewolves when a vampire franchise turns out a movie about them. "Lycans" grossed an estimated $20.7 million at the box office this weekend.



New Moon
Hollywood hopes to strike gold again with the continuation of Stephenie Meyer's vampire saga—this time with werewolves. It hits theaters this fall.

The Wolf Man
Benicio Del Toro's (left) update of the 1941 classic reportedly stays faithful to the original material. It's also due out this fall.

Werewolf
Rumor has it "X-Men" and "Watchmen" writer David Hayter is behind a film about a teen who learns that he's a werewolf during a hot date. Can we call it "Teen Wolf"?

First Howl
Another rumored movie. Possibly featuring Judd Nelson (left). Possibly about a werewolf police detective, according to **imdb.com**.

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As for the other film acting prizes, Kate Winslet took home best supporting actress for her role in "The Reader," while Meryl Streep won best actress for "Doubt," and Sean Penn was honored as best actor for "Milk." In the overall cast performance category, "Slumdog Millionaire" cashed in.

In TV, "30 Rock" rocked it by sweeping the comedy honors (Tina Fey and Alec Baldwin took the acting prizes and the show won the ensemble cast award). "Mad Men" won best drama show. Accepting alongside his castmates, star Jon Hamm had kind words for the show's "dozen of viewers."

Individual categories at SAG, where actors honor their peers, often are predictors for Academy Award winners, while the overall-cast category has a spotty record.

SAG FASHION WINNERS AND LOSERS

Kate Winslet, Christina Applegate and Tina Fey showed off their Sunday best with super chic gowns at the awards ceremony. Unfortunately for Eva Longoria Parker, Angelina Jolie and Nicolette Sheridan, all gowns are not created equal. Take a look.

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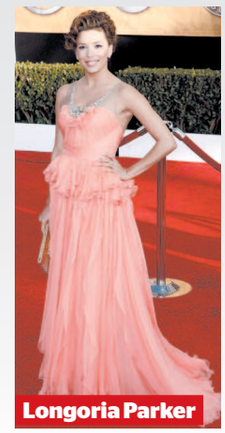
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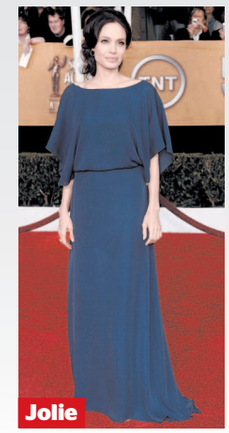
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Katie Couric has quite a lineup signed on for her "All Access Grammy Special." Justin Timberlake, Lil Wayne, Katy Perry and Taylor Swift all will stop by—not to mention Metallica, John Legend, Jordin Sparks, Duffy and T-Pain. The special is set to air Feb. 4 on CBS, which also broadcasts the Grammys on Feb. 8.

The 'fan' in 'Fanning'

Dakota Fanning hasn't signed a contract yet, but the 14-year-old star tells "Entertainment Tonight" she is eager to sink her teeth into a vampire role in "New Moon." "I really hope that works out. It would be interesting, really fun to be a part of," Fanning said of a potential role in the sequel to "Twilight." "I'm a huge fan of all those actors." And she's actually close to being a high schooler's age!

Doubling up

It's double delight for Molly Ringwald. The star of "The Secret Life of the American Teenager" announced she is expecting twins, according to **people.com**. Ringwald has a 5-year-old daughter with husband Panio Gianopoulous. The babies are expected in August.

Royal split

It seems Prince Harry's bachelor life continues. **People.com** is reporting that the prince of England and his girlfriend of five years, Chelsy Davy, have broken up. This comes three weeks after the pair were seen spending time together in the Indian Ocean nation of Mauritius.

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$64.8 million

The estimated amount "Paul Blart: Mall Cop" has made in its two weeks of release. The Kevin James comedy raked in $21.5 million at the box office over the weekend to nab No. 1 for a second week in a row.

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